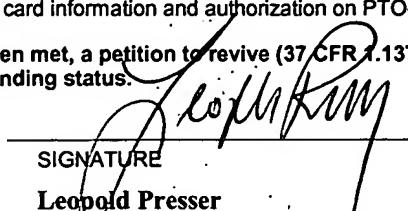


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/007012	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 1 July 2003 (01-07-03)	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 5 July 2002 (05-07-2002)
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>LIGAMENT-TENSIONING DEVICE WITH DISPLACEABLE CLAWS</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Walter Supper, Christoph Fankhauser, Beat Grunder, Daniel Delfosse and Ulrich Wehrli		
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